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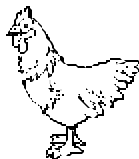
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand in some areas declined, and overall ranged slow to fair with limited features. Food service was moderate to at times good where fast food promotions were active. Supplies were sufficient with heavier weights closer balanced. In the parts structure, breast items and wings were balanced to instances short and moving, but dark meat was adequate to ample with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 64.25 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 65.50 cents last year on August 22, 2001. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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LINE RUN TENDERS	177.00
BREASTS - B/S	158.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50
LEG QUARTERS	19.00
WINGS	53.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies were sufficient to closer balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was mixed, but strongest for breast items and wings, with supplies balanced to tight and moving well. Dark meat items were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair as dealers kept floor stocks balanced during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds remained available. The 3 pound sizes were in close balance and the 3.5 to 4 pound sizes were clearing well. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady on the 3 pound birds, at least steady on the heavier sizes and about steady on the lighter weights. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were available. Wings and tenderloins were no more than adequate.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offers were moderate for light trade interest. Demand in all sectors was waning; retail slow to light and food service mostly moderate. Floor stocks were sufficient to ample. Weights though mixed were mostly desirable. Parts supplies were very limited on tenderloins, wings spotty but generally tight, whole breasts in close balance, boneless/skinless breasts more available and leg quarters adequate to plentiful. Trading on parts was light to moderate with wings and tenderloins clearing best. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and tenders, breast items steady to fully steady and leg items steady.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were generally adequate. Some producers confidently held product due to the up-coming holiday. Buyers' found prices quoted at unchanged to slightly higher levels when searching for additional product. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on parts with white meat items in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 08/17/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	205,499	207,243	-01	
CHICKS PLACED	167,429	165,060	+01	

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 17, 2002. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 17, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 17, 2002 were 5.61 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 62.02 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 21, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	936	139.00-223.00	147-153	149.90
TENDERLOINS	226	115.00-185.00	115-120	147.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	106	84.00-89.00	84-85	85.27
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	13.00-17.00	14	14.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,417	15.00-26.00	18-19	18.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	50.00-55.00	52-53	52.62
WINGS (CUT)	437	62.00-76.00	62-65	66.39
DRUMSTICKS	70	34.00-47.00	-	45.55
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	921	139.00-223.00	143-150	147.68
TENDERLOINS	151	110.00-185.00	110-115	129.50
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	84.00-90.00	85-87	84.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	90	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	13.00-17.00	14	14.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,257	15.00-26.00	18-19	18.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	50.00-55.00	-	53.29
WINGS (CUT)	429	62.00-74.00	63-65	65.49
DRUMSTICKS	69	34.00-44.00	-	35.08
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.75 - 45.50	42.14	40.50 - 45.50	43.29	42.79

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was generally fair and noted as typical of midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings continued to clear well and tenderloins were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was fully steady on tenderloins and wings, and mostly steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES **AUGUST 20, 2002**

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.29	570,820
TENDERLOINS	100-105	111.05	91,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	87.93	129,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	82.87	155,240
LEGS	31-32	35.37	102,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.23	525,927
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.44	158,140
THIGHS	19-20	30.89	110,320
B/S THIGHS	60-61	57.58	91,610
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	56.74	182,500
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.08	21,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	18.71	13,610
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	43.11	19,090

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	151.15	450,940
TENDERLOINS	105-110	108.90	186,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	88.23	149,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	83.01	97,480
LEGS	31-32	31.42	171,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.68	264,315
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.83	113,270
THIGHS	19-20	25.45	109,725
B/S THIGHS	60-61	56.75	124,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	56.62	239,710
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	29,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	21.44	8,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40	46.61	20,690

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	08/21	08/20	08/19	08/16	08/19
ALA	4,093	4,084	4,005	4,062	5.05
ARK	5,449	5,452	5,378	5,662	4.98
DELMARVA	2,388	2,334	2,320	2,524	5.17
KY-LA-TN	2,022	1,962	2,030	2,073	4.54
MISS	2,798	2,667	2,779	2,820	5.35
NC	2,617	2,699	2,570	2,659	5.96
TEXAS	2,465	2,449	2,453	2,520	4.86
TOTAL	21,832	21,647	21,535	22,672	5.12
MON-WED 65,420 (A)					4.99
					21,682
					5.16

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Aug 02 and is estimated to be 32,663,000 up 0.39 percent from a week ago and up 6.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,536,000; last year 30,582,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	96-103
HENS OVER 5#	104-113
DUCKS	113
	94-98
	-
	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-AUG-02

	CURRENT WEEK 08/24/02 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/17/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	165,897(2)	165,025
LT HENS	1,909	1,922
HVY HENS	1,706	1,576
CHECK TOTAL	169,512	168,523

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Aug-02 is 160.0 million head compared to 160.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.2 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 31-Aug-02 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 19-AUG-02	214,978	76,046
AM 01-AUG-02	215,685	75,870
CHG	-707	176
PCT CHG	0	0

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/19/02	08/12/02	08/20/01	08/19/02	08/12/02	08/20/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	30,619	28,840	29,096	5,344	5,545	3,141
LOS ANGELES	1,172	669	3,661	3,693	4,107	1,913

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 19, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-59
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 8/20/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	1.15	.72
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	1.05	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.40	.90
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.65	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	2.00	.99
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.25	.98
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.50	4.00	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	166		

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 16, 2002

<u>Whole Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs & Wings</u>	<u>Livers/ Gizzards</u>
Hens				

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared and were more readily available on the 2.25 and 2.50 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were adequate, instances short for immediate delivery. Bone-in breasts were balanced. Leg cuts were adequate to ample. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	44-60
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.98
NO. OF BOXES	13,083

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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